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SUBJECT: ENERGY: BELGIAN ATTENDANCE AND REPRESENTATION
AT ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED
JANUARY 23 FROM PRIME MINISTER LEBURTON RESPONDING
TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S INVITATION TO ATTEND ENERGY
CONFERENCE.

2. QUOTE. MISTER PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE LETTER THAT YOU SENT TO
ME ON JANUARY 22, 1974, THROUGH THE AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES IN BRUSSELS AND BY WHICH YOU KINDLY
INVITED BELGIUM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING OF
THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS THAT
YOU ARE ORGANIZING IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 11.

I THANK YOU FOR HAVING BEEN KIND ENOUGH, IN
CONFORMITY WITH THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMUNITY,
TO INVITE MY COUNTRY TO THAT CONFERENCE. WE WILL
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BE REPRESENTED THERE BY A DELEGATION HEADED BY THE

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. R. VAN ELSLANDE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES
OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. SIGNED, E. LEBURTON.
UNQUOTE. ORIGINAL LETTER IN FRENCH BEING TRANSMITTED
BY POUCH.

3. DCM PROVIDED LIST OF US DELEGATION TO FONMIN'S
CHEF DE CABINET (NOTERDAEME) ON JANUARY 24, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 15388, AND EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT BELGIUM WOULD SEND SIMILAR HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION.
FONMIN MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR (DEPASSE), WHO
PASSED LEBURTON'S LETTER TO EMBASSY JANUARY 28, DID
NOT YET HAVE INFORMATION ON WHO IN ADDITION TO VAN ELSLANDE
WOULD MAKE UP BELGIAN DELEGATION. HE DOUBTED THAT
FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. STRAUZS-HUPE

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